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Referred to Committee on Transportation

Introduced by:
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**AN ACT CONCERNING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF
TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS FOR
CONNECTICUT'S ECONOMIC FUTURE.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subdivision (4) of subsection (a) of 13b-79p of the general
2 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
3 (*Effective July 1, 2007*):

4 (4) Developing [a] new commuter rail [station between New Haven
5 and Milford] stations in Orange and West Haven.

6 Sec. 2. Subdivision (11) of subsection (a) of section 13b-79p of the
7 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
8 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2007*):

9 (11) Funding the Commercial Vehicle Information System Network,
10 including electronic pre-clearance of safe truck operators for fixed scale
11 operations on Interstate 91 and Interstate 95, not to exceed four million
12 dollars.

13 Sec. 3. Subsection (a) of section 13b-79p of the general statutes is
14 amended by adding subdivisions (14) and (15) as follows (*Effective July*

15 1, 2007):

16 (NEW) (14) Purchasing not less than twenty-four electric rail cars for
17 use on the New Haven Line and Shore Line East commuter rail
18 services;

19 (NEW) (15) Funding the expansion of Shore Line East, including
20 increased parking, bridge repair, locomotive and rail car purchase, not
21 to exceed twenty-four million dollars.

22 Sec. 4. (*Effective July 1, 2007*) The sum of twelve million six hundred
23 thirty-three thousand dollars for operating costs, and the sum of forty-
24 three million dollars for capital costs, are appropriated to the
25 Department of Transportation, from the Special Transportation Fund,
26 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008, and the next five fiscal years
27 thereafter, to improve bus connectivity and service, including cleaner
28 buses, expanded parking for express services, headway increases, new
29 enhanced facilities and bus rapid transit.

30 Sec. 5. (*Effective July 1, 2007*) The sum of seventy-five million dollars
31 is appropriated each year to the Department of Transportation, from
32 the Special Transportation Fund, for the fiscal year ending June 30,
33 2008, and the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009, to establish a Fix-it-First
34 program to repair the state's roads.

35 Sec. 6. (*Effective July 1, 2007*) The sum of seventy-five million dollars
36 is appropriated each year to the Department of Transportation, from
37 the Special Transportation Fund, for the fiscal year ending June 30,
38 2008, and the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009, to establish a Fix-it-First
39 program to repair the state's bridges.

40 Sec. 7. (*Effective July 1, 2007*) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008,
41 and for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009, an additional eighteen
42 million dollars is appropriated to the Department of Transportation for
43 the purpose of providing funds to the Town Aid for Roads program.
44 Such funds shall be in addition to the total amount allocated to the
45 Town Aid for Roads program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2007.

46 Sec. 8. (*Effective July 1, 2007*) (a) For the purposes described in
47 subsection (b) of this section, the State Bond Commission shall have
48 the power, from time to time, to authorize the issuance of bonds of the
49 state in one or more series and in principal amounts not exceeding in
50 the aggregate twenty million dollars for the fiscal year ending June 30,
51 2008, and twenty million dollars for the fiscal year ending June 30,
52 2009.

53 (b) The proceeds of the sale of said bonds, to the extent of the
54 amount stated in subsection (a) of this section, shall be used by the
55 Department of Transportation for the purpose of establishing a transit-
56 oriented development grant program to integrate, coordinate and plan
57 transit-oriented development around new and enhanced commuter
58 rail and bus centers that provide both mixed-use development and
59 housing. Such grants shall be given for planning and land acquisition,
60 and priority shall be given to applicants with projects near the Metro
61 North, Shore Line East and New Haven-Hartford-Springfield rail
62 stations and bus centers, and the New Britain to Hartford busway.
63 Eligible municipal applicants shall work in partnership with such
64 municipality's Council of Government, Regional Planning Agency or
65 Metropolitan Planning Organization. The Department of
66 Transportation may use not more than two per cent of the total
67 allocation for administrative purposes.

68 (c) All provisions of section 3-20 of the general statutes, or the
69 exercise of any right or power granted thereby, which are not
70 inconsistent with the provisions of this section are hereby adopted and
71 shall apply to all bonds authorized by the State Bond Commission
72 pursuant to this section, and temporary notes in anticipation of the
73 money to be derived from the sale of any such bonds so authorized
74 may be issued in accordance with said section 3-20 and from time to
75 time renewed. Such bonds shall mature at such time or times not
76 exceeding twenty years from their respective dates as may be provided
77 in or pursuant to the resolution or resolutions of the State Bond
78 Commission authorizing such bonds. None of said bonds shall be

79 authorized except upon a finding by the State Bond Commission that
80 there has been filed with it a request for such authorization which is
81 signed by or on behalf of the Secretary of the Office of Policy and
82 Management and states such terms and conditions as said commission,
83 in its discretion, may require. Said bonds issued pursuant to this
84 section shall be general obligations of the state and the full faith and
85 credit of the state of Connecticut are pledged for the payment of the
86 principal of and interest on said bonds as the same become due, and
87 accordingly and as part of the contract of the state with the holders of
88 said bonds, appropriation of all amounts necessary for punctual
89 payment of such principal and interest is hereby made, and the State
90 Treasurer shall pay such principal and interest as the same become
91 due.

92 Sec. 9. (*Effective July 1, 2007*) (a) For the purposes described in
93 subsection (b) of this section, the State Bond Commission shall have
94 the power, from time to time, to authorize the issuance of bonds of the
95 state in one or more series and in principal amounts not exceeding in
96 the aggregate thirteen million two hundred thousand dollars.

97 (b) The proceeds of the sale of said bonds, to the extent of the
98 amount stated in subsection (a) of this section, shall be used by the
99 Department of Transportation for the purposes of repairing the
100 Maybrook Railroad Line, not to exceed eleven million two hundred
101 thousand dollars, and conducting a study to assess the safety of rail
102 bridges, not to exceed two million dollars.

103 (c) All provisions of sections 13b-74 to 13b-77, inclusive, of the
104 general statutes, or the exercise of any right or power granted thereby,
105 which are not inconsistent with the provisions of this section are
106 hereby adopted and shall apply to all bonds authorized by the State
107 Bond Commission pursuant to this section, and temporary notes in
108 anticipation of the money to be derived from the sale of any such
109 bonds so authorized may be issued in accordance with said sections
110 13b-74 to 13b-77, inclusive, and from time to time renewed. Such
111 bonds shall mature at such time or times not exceeding thirty years

112 from their respective dates as may be provided in or pursuant to the
113 resolution or resolutions of the State Bond Commission authorizing
114 such bonds. None of said bonds shall be authorized except upon a
115 finding by the State Bond Commission that there has been filed with it
116 a request for such authorization which is signed by or on behalf of the
117 Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management and states such
118 terms and conditions as said commission, in its discretion, may
119 require. Said bonds issued pursuant to this section shall be special tax
120 obligations of the state and all pledged revenues, as defined in
121 subdivision (4) of section 13b-75 of the general statutes, are pledged for
122 the payment of the principal of and interest on said bonds as the same
123 become due, and accordingly and as part of the contract of the state
124 with the holders of said bonds, appropriation of all amounts from the
125 special transportation fund created under section 13b-68 of the general
126 statutes necessary for punctual payment of such principal and interest
127 is hereby made, and the State Treasurer shall pay such principal and
128 interest as the same become due.

129 Sec. 10. (*Effective July 1, 2007*) (a) For the purposes described in
130 subsection (b) of this section, the State Bond Commission shall have
131 the power, from time to time, to authorize the issuance of bonds of the
132 state in one or more series and in principal amounts not exceeding in
133 the aggregate five million dollars for the fiscal year ending June 30,
134 2008, and five million dollars for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009.

135 (b) The proceeds of the sale of said bonds, to the extent of the
136 amount stated in subsection (a) of this section, shall be used by the
137 Department of Environmental Protection for the purpose of
138 establishing a Connecticut Bikeway grant program for municipal
139 grants. For the purposes of this section, "bikeway" means any road,
140 street, path or way which is specifically designated for bicycle travel,
141 even if such road, street, path or way is shared with other modes of
142 transportation.

143 (c) Such grants shall be used for planning, design, land acquisition,
144 construction, construction administration and promotional materials

145 for new bike trails. Eligible projects may include: (1) Bike trails that
146 complete sections of the Connecticut Spine Route Bike Trail of the East
147 Coast Greenway, (2) bike trails that connect to the Connecticut Spine
148 Route Bike Trail, and (3) bike trails or other multiuse paths established
149 within the State Recreational Trails Plan.

150 (d) Eligibility for such grants shall include, but not be limited to: (1)
151 A municipal match of twenty per cent, (2) municipal responsibility for
152 maintenance of such bike trails, (3) public input, and (4) designs that
153 comply with the 1999 American Association of State Highway
154 Transportation Official's "Guide for the Development of Bicycle
155 Facilities".

156 (e) The Department of Environmental Protection may use not more
157 than two per cent of the total allocation for administrative purposes.
158 An advisory committee shall be established to advise on the allocation
159 of such funds. Membership of such committee shall comprise of trail
160 users and advocates, who shall be determined by the commissioner.
161 The Department of Transportation shall, in accordance with the
162 provisions of title 13a of the general statutes, work with the
163 Department of Environmental Protection in furtherance of such
164 program.

165 (f) All provisions of section 3-20 of the general statutes, or the
166 exercise of any right or power granted thereby, which are not
167 inconsistent with the provisions of this section are hereby adopted and
168 shall apply to all bonds authorized by the State Bond Commission
169 pursuant to this section, and temporary notes in anticipation of the
170 money to be derived from the sale of any such bonds so authorized
171 may be issued in accordance with said section 3-20 and from time to
172 time renewed. Such bonds shall mature at such time or times not
173 exceeding twenty years from their respective dates as may be provided
174 in or pursuant to the resolution or resolutions of the State Bond
175 Commission authorizing such bonds. None of said bonds shall be
176 authorized except upon a finding by the State Bond Commission that
177 there has been filed with it a request for such authorization which is

178 signed by or on behalf of the Secretary of the Office of Policy and
179 Management and states such terms and conditions as said commission,
180 in its discretion, may require. Said bonds issued pursuant to this
181 section shall be general obligations of the state and the full faith and
182 credit of the state of Connecticut are pledged for the payment of the
183 principal of and interest on said bonds as the same become due, and
184 accordingly and as part of the contract of the state with the holders of
185 said bonds, appropriation of all amounts necessary for punctual
186 payment of such principal and interest is hereby made, and the State
187 Treasurer shall pay such principal and interest as the same become
188 due.

189 Sec. 11. (*Effective July 1, 2007*) The sum of six million one hundred
190 thousand dollars is appropriated to the Department of Transportation,
191 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008, for elderly and disabled
192 demand responsive transportation programs for persons sixty years of
193 age or older. Such moneys shall be provided by funds previously
194 transferred to the Department of Transportation for such programs for
195 the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008. Any balance remaining for such
196 programs at the end of any fiscal year shall be carried forward for the
197 next fiscal year succeeding.

198 Sec. 12. (*Effective July 1, 2007*) (a) For the purposes described in
199 subsection (b) of this section, the State Bond Commission shall have
200 the power, from time to time, to authorize the issuance of bonds of the
201 state in one or more series and in principal amounts not exceeding in
202 the aggregate twenty-five million dollars.

203 (b) The proceeds of the sale of said bonds, to the extent of the
204 amount stated in subsection (a) of this section, shall be used by the
205 Department of Transportation for the purpose of establishing a rail
206 station improvement program, not to exceed ten million dollars in the
207 fiscal year ending June 30, 2008, and not to exceed fifteen million
208 dollars in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009.

209 (c) All provisions of sections 13b-74 to 13b-77, inclusive, of the

210 general statutes, or the exercise of any right or power granted thereby,
211 which are not inconsistent with the provisions of this section are
212 hereby adopted and shall apply to all bonds authorized by the State
213 Bond Commission pursuant to this section, and temporary notes in
214 anticipation of the money to be derived from the sale of any such
215 bonds so authorized may be issued in accordance with said sections
216 13b-74 to 13b-77, inclusive, and from time to time renewed. Such
217 bonds shall mature at such time or times not exceeding thirty years
218 from their respective dates as may be provided in or pursuant to the
219 resolution or resolutions of the State Bond Commission authorizing
220 such bonds. None of said bonds shall be authorized except upon a
221 finding by the State Bond Commission that there has been filed with it
222 a request for such authorization which is signed by or on behalf of the
223 Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management and states such
224 terms and conditions as said commission, in its discretion, may
225 require. Said bonds issued pursuant to this section shall be special tax
226 obligations of the state and all pledged revenues, as defined in
227 subdivision (4) of section 13b-75 of the general statutes, are pledged for
228 the payment of the principal of and interest on said bonds as the same
229 become due, and accordingly and as part of the contract of the state
230 with the holders of said bonds, appropriation of all amounts from the
231 special transportation fund created under section 13b-68 of the general
232 statutes necessary for punctual payment of such principal and interest
233 is hereby made, and the State Treasurer shall pay such principal and
234 interest as the same become due.

235 Sec. 13. (*Effective July 1, 2007*) (a) For the purposes described in
236 subsection (b) of this section, the State Bond Commission shall have
237 the power, from time to time, to authorize the issuance of bonds of the
238 state in one or more series and in principal amounts not exceeding in
239 the aggregate thirty million dollars.

240 (b) The proceeds of the sale of said bonds, to the extent of the
241 amount stated in subsection (a) of this section, shall be used by the
242 Department of Transportation for the purpose of constructing the

243 Greater Waterbury Multimodal Transportation Center.

244 (c) All provisions of sections 13b-74 to 13b-77, inclusive, of the
245 general statutes, or the exercise of any right or power granted thereby,
246 which are not inconsistent with the provisions of this section are
247 hereby adopted and shall apply to all bonds authorized by the State
248 Bond Commission pursuant to this section, and temporary notes in
249 anticipation of the money to be derived from the sale of any such
250 bonds so authorized may be issued in accordance with said sections
251 13b-74 to 13b-77, inclusive, and from time to time renewed. Such
252 bonds shall mature at such time or times not exceeding thirty years
253 from their respective dates as may be provided in or pursuant to the
254 resolution or resolutions of the State Bond Commission authorizing
255 such bonds. None of said bonds shall be authorized except upon a
256 finding by the State Bond Commission that there has been filed with it
257 a request for such authorization which is signed by or on behalf of the
258 Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management and states such
259 terms and conditions as said commission, in its discretion, may
260 require. Said bonds issued pursuant to this section shall be special tax
261 obligations of the state and all pledged revenues, as defined in
262 subdivision (4) of section 13b-75 of the general statutes, are pledged for
263 the payment of the principal of and interest on said bonds as the same
264 become due, and accordingly and as part of the contract of the state
265 with the holders of said bonds, appropriation of all amounts from the
266 special transportation fund created under section 13b-68 of the general
267 statutes necessary for punctual payment of such principal and interest
268 is hereby made, and the State Treasurer shall pay such principal and
269 interest as the same become due.

270 Sec. 14. (*Effective July 1, 2007*) (a) For the purposes described in
271 subsection (b) of this section, the State Bond Commission shall have
272 the power, from time to time, to authorize the issuance of bonds of the
273 state in one or more series and in principal amounts not exceeding in
274 the aggregate thirty-five million dollars.

275 (b) The proceeds of the sale of said bonds, to the extent of the

276 amount stated in subsection (a) of this section, shall be used by the
277 Department of Transportation for the purpose of constructing a
278 parking garage at the Stamford Transportation Center, including
279 rights-of-way, other property acquisition and related projects.

280 (c) All provisions of sections 13b-74 to 13b-77, inclusive, of the
281 general statutes, or the exercise of any right or power granted thereby,
282 which are not inconsistent with the provisions of this section are
283 hereby adopted and shall apply to all bonds authorized by the State
284 Bond Commission pursuant to this section, and temporary notes in
285 anticipation of the money to be derived from the sale of any such
286 bonds so authorized may be issued in accordance with said sections
287 13b-74 to 13b-77, inclusive, and from time to time renewed. Such
288 bonds shall mature at such time or times not exceeding thirty years
289 from their respective dates as may be provided in or pursuant to the
290 resolution or resolutions of the State Bond Commission authorizing
291 such bonds. None of said bonds shall be authorized except upon a
292 finding by the State Bond Commission that there has been filed with it
293 a request for such authorization which is signed by or on behalf of the
294 Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management and states such
295 terms and conditions as said commission, in its discretion, may
296 require. Said bonds issued pursuant to this section shall be special tax
297 obligations of the state and all pledged revenues, as defined in
298 subdivision (4) of section 13b-75 of the general statutes, are pledged for
299 the payment of the principal of and interest on said bonds as the same
300 become due, and accordingly and as part of the contract of the state
301 with the holders of said bonds, appropriation of all amounts from the
302 special transportation fund created under section 13b-68 of the general
303 statutes necessary for punctual payment of such principal and interest
304 is hereby made, and the State Treasurer shall pay such principal and
305 interest as the same become due.

306 Sec. 15. (*Effective July 1, 2007*) The sum of seven hundred thousand
307 dollars is appropriated to the Department of Transportation, from the
308 Special Transportation Fund, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008, to

309 conduct a study of Routes 2 and 2A. Such study shall be completed not
310 later than June 30, 2008.

311 Sec. 16. (*Effective July 1, 2007*) The sum of six million three hundred
312 thousand dollars is appropriated to the Department of Transportation,
313 from the Special Transportation Fund, for the fiscal year ending June
314 30, 2008, for implementation of phases 1 and 2 of Shore Line East
315 expanded service, including weekend and additional daily service
316 between New Haven and New London.

317 Sec. 17. (*Effective July 1, 2007*) The sum of five hundred thousand
318 dollars is appropriated to the Department of Transportation, from the
319 Special Transportation Fund, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008,
320 for the establishment of a Greater Hartford pilot program that
321 encourages public and private employees to use public transportation
322 to travel to and from such employees' place of employment.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	13b-79p(a)(4)
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	13b-79p(a)(11)
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	13b-79p(a)
Sec. 4	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	New section
Sec. 5	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	New section
Sec. 6	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	New section
Sec. 7	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	New section
Sec. 8	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	New section
Sec. 9	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	New section
Sec. 10	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	New section
Sec. 11	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	New section
Sec. 12	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	New section
Sec. 13	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	New section
Sec. 14	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	New section
Sec. 15	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	New section
Sec. 16	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	New section
Sec. 17	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	New section

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